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OF THE
HARMONY
Baptist Association

HELD AT
EDWARDSVILLE, ALABAMA

October 1, 2, and 3

1897

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MINUTES.



EDWARDSVILLE, ALA., OCTOBER 1ST, 1897.

The HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met this day in its Thirty-Third Session, in the meeting-house of the Edwarsville Baptist church, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. A. Willingham. Text: Revelation xxii, 9—"Worship God."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 1.30 p. m., and was called to order by J. C. Jackson, the Moderator. Prayer by F. Lindsey.

The letters from the churches were read by T. W. Griffith, E. A. Burton and T. J. Burton. Names of Delegates recorded as follows, (absentees noted thus*):-

FIRST DISTRICT.

Ai—J. A. J. Alewine, S. H. Hains, J. A. Bagwell, M. L. Gaines.
Beulah—E. A. McElroy, G. W. Gladden, D. G. Wilcoxson.
Concord—J. J. Turner, A. M. Turner, S. S. Grizzard*.
Edwardsville—B. T. Foster, W. J. McGwain, T. J. Burton.
Harmony Grove—W. T. E. Owens, L. A. Austin, J. W. Baber.
Fruithurst 1st—P. R. D. Williamson*, J. A. Thompson, W. H. Adair.
Bethsaida—W. J. Newborn, J. W. Walker, G. W. Morrice.
Hopewell—J. T. Jacobs, D. M. Kaylor, W. F. Jacobs*, W. D. Nunnally.
Pine Grove—J. D. Walker, J. C. Garner, J. A. Brown, J. G. Jones.
Shoal Creek—B. A. Cheatwood, F. M. Coleman, N. A. Holly, R. M. Cheatwood, J. Banister.
Pilgrims' Rest—W. H. George, M. C. Hightower*, C. K. Harper, N. B. Williamson*.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Bethany—F. Lindsey, W. J. James, J. Woodse, R. H. Pittman, J. A. Walker*.
Buchanan—T. W. Griffith, J. S. Edwards, D. B. Head*, R. E. Loveless*, G. W. Bullard*.
Mt. Zion—L. T. Allen*, E. R. McWhorter*, J. M. Little*.
Providence—A. Willingham, J. C. Jackson, J. Stripland, J. J. Taylor.
Poplar Springs—A. L. Richards, A. C. Waldrop*, J. J. Pope, H. B. Haynes*, W. J. Fincher.
Pleasant Hill—C. I. Allen, G. W. Gentry*, J. L. Hughes*.
Tallapoosa 1st—E. A. Burton, T. A. Higdon, T. S. Dunklee, C. E. Head*, P. H. Shipman, H. Moody.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Camp Creek—T. F. Roberts, T. R. Roberts, G. W. Roberts, J. A. Morris*, W. R. Hightower.
 Cherry Grove—V. M. Thackerson, S. J. Waits, C. Morris*.
 Harmony—W. V. Thackerson, R. B. Brewster*, G. W. Ballew*.
 Salem—J. V. Hardin, O. A. Alder, B. A. Garmon*.
 Shiloh—J. H. Prewitt*, J. Herndon*, J. H. Thompson, S. J. Isbell, C. M. Isbell*, J. Isbell*.
 Pine Bower—W. T. Thompson, W. H. Hudson, J. N. Tarrance*.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—Elected by ballot: Rev. T. A. Higdon, Moderator; V. M. Thackerson, Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion, adopted order of business as printed in last minutes for directory for this session.

Called for Petitionary Letters. Received by letter and delegates: Pine Bower church, recently constituted in Polk county, Ga. The moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Called for Correspondence. Received from Boiling Springs Association, Rev. T. H. Howle; received Rev. J. A. Glenn, of Ashville, Ala., who represented all the interests of the State Board of Alabama.

Appointed Correspondents to sister Associations as follows:—

Boiling Spring—T. A. Higdon, J. C. Jackson, A. Willingham.
 Polk County—W. T. Thompson, J. H. Thompson, W. H. Hudson.

Bethlehem—W. J. James, J. S. Edwards, T. J. Loveless, A. L. Richards, J. C. Jackson, W. J. Fincher.

Arbacoochee—T. A. Higdon, J. C. Jackson.

Calhoun County—T. A. Higdon.

Tallapoosa—J. S. Edwards, W. J. James, A. Willingham, T. J. Loveless, T. W. Griffith.

Fixed hours of meeting at 9 a. m. and 1.30 p. m. Hours of adjournment at will.

After prayer by J. S. Edwards, adjourned to 6.30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 6.30 p. m. Appointed the following Committees;—

On Preaching A. M. Turner, J. A. Brown, W. J. James, and the delegates from Edwardsville church.

On Sabbath Schools—J. V. Hardin, G. W. Roberts, W. T. Thompson, J. S. Edwards.

On State Missions—E. A. Burton, T. J. Burton, A. M. Turner.

On Home Missions—T. W. Griffith, O. A. Allen, W. J. James.

On Foreign Missions—T. J. Burton, J. C. Garner, J. C. Jackson.

On Nominations—T. J. Loveless, C. I. Allen.

On Destitution—F. Lindsey, J. D. Walker, R. H. Pittman.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. H. Thompson, J. A. J. Alewine.

On Finance—T. J. Loveless, G. W. Roberts, A. M. Turner.

On motion appointed committees on Temperance and Indigent Ministers:—

On Temperance—J. S. Edwards, J. V. Hardin, J. A. Brown.

On Indigent Ministers—J. C. Jackson, J. D. Walker, W. J. Fincher.

On motion appointed F. Lindsey, A. M. Turner and W. T. Thompson a committee to nominate an Executive Committee.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m. Saturday. Prayer led by T. W. Griffith.

Friday night preaching at the church by Rev. E. A. Burton.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

The Association convened at 9 a. m. The Moderator read the 133d Psalm. Engaged in singing and prayer, led by J. C. Garner.

Letters from Pleasant Hill and Providence churches read and delegates, names enrolled.

Renewed call for Correspondents and Visiting Brethren. None.

On motion, heard from Bro. Walker on the dissolution of Mt. Olive church.

On motion made 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow, hour to hear report on Sabbath schools, and discussion of same.

On motion report on Temperance made special order for 2 p. m.

Report on Indigent Ministers read, and after being discussed by the brethren, adopted (See Reports of Committees.)

The Committee appointed to nominate an Executive Committee nominated T. J. Burton, V. M. Thackerson, A. M. Turner, D. E. Head, G. W. Roberts. Adopted.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

Report on Home, State and Foreign Missions read. Pending discussion of reports on Missions, took recess for preaching.

Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. J. A. Glenn.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 p. m. Met according to adjournment.

Report on Temperance taken up and read and after being discussed by Brethren Edwards, Glenn, Higdon and others, adopted.

Report on Finance adopted.

Resumed discussion of reports on Missions. Discussed by Brethren Glen, James and others. Adopted.

Reports on Destitution and Deceased Ministers and Deacons adopted. Adjourned.

The Association convened at 6:30 p. m.

Reports of Executive Committee and Treasurer adopted.

APPOINTED GENERAL MEETINGS:—Second District, at Pleasant Hill Church, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1897; First and Third Districts, none appointed.

APPOINTED DELEGATES: To the Alabama State Baptist Convention—T. A. Higdon, A. A. Hurst; to the Georgia State Baptist Convention—J. S. Edwards, T. W. Griffith, J. C. Jackson; to the Southern Baptist Convention—T. W. Griffith, delegate, and J. S. Edwards, alternate.

Appointed next session of this Association to be held at Hopewell Church, Cleburne county, Ala., 15 miles south of Tallapoosa, Ga., and 13 miles southeast of Edwardsville, Ala., commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1898, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Heard and adopted resolutions. (See Resolutions.)

On motion, directed the Clerk to have 800 copies of Minutes of this session printed and distributed among the churches pro rata, as per minute fund, and retain balance for his services.

Directed all the missionary funds sent up by the churches, and all that may be received during this session, to be equally divided between the State Mission Boards of Georgia and Alabama.

Directed Treasurer to pay to T. J. Garner \$2, sent up by Mt. Olive church.

On motion, granted the delegates from Shiloh and Pine Bower churches leave of absence, and W. J. Fincher and T. J. Loveless. Adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m. Sunday.

Preaching Saturday night by Rev. T. H. Howle.

SUNDAY'S SESSION.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer led by J. D. Walker.

Report on Sabbath Schools read, and after being discussed by Brethren Hardin, Dunklee, Adair, E. A. Burton, Glenn and others, was adopted.

Adjourned to 1.30 p. m.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

At 11 a. m., Rev. J. A. Glenn preached the annual Missionary Sermon from 2d Corinthians, 12th chapter, and a part of the 10th verse: "For Christ sake." During the service unmistakable evidence of the spirit and power of God were manifested in our midst. Yea, in some of our hearts God by His divine spirit dwelleth.

Took up a collection for Missions, amounting to \$10.09.

The Association re-assembled at 1.30 p. m. Engaged in singing and prayer, led by J. W. Walker.

On motion, took up a collection for Bro. J. A. Glenn, amounting to \$5.25.

On motion, extended to Bro. Glenn our devoted thanks for his labor of love amongst us.

On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed. Engaged in singing, during which the brethren gave each other the parting hand, without knowing that we shall meet again in time.

T. A. HIGDON, Moderator.

V. M. THACKERSON, Clerk.



REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

HOME MISSIONS.

We your committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit the following report: We regret to note the painful indifference of our churches on the subject of Missions, and especially Home Missions. We heartily believe that it is the duty of every Baptist to support the Home Mission cause, and we regret to hear the oft-repeated and still false reason that "I am not able to give anything to Missions."

We believe, however, that the main fault is in the Pastors, and we earnestly recommend that the Pastors inform themselves and educate the people on this the work of the churches.

We further desire to endorse the work of the Home Mission Board, and especially the work of Dr. Diaz in Cuba, under the Home Mission Board, and we recommend that the churches co-operate with the Home Mission Board, and contribute liberally to its support. Respectfully submitted.

T. W. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

STATE MISSIONS.

We your committee offer the following report: We find that the cause of Christ has been greatly advanced through the Mission work within the state. We have increased the contributions, and greatly increased the number of contributors.

We are proud of the work done by the brethren through the board, and are impressed that there is still a greater work before us, if the churches will do their duty in support of the boards.

The work of the board is to collect the money for Home and Foreign Boards, and to do all of the Mission work possible. We therefore recommend that our churches take steps to comply with the demands made on us by our respective state boards.

EDGAR A. BURTON, Chairman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We refer to the report of the Finance Committee for what has been done for this cause by us during the last year.

We think we all, individuals and churches, should have a system for aiding in this work, and we recommend that the system reported by this body at its last session be given a trial, and we refer to that report and ask that the churches and individual members adopt it and practice it during the next year.

T. J. BURTON, Chairman.

DESTITUTION.

Report that most of our churches have preaching once a month. But the preachers generally work during the week and do not have time to do but very little pastoral work. We believe that this Association ought to have a Missionary in the bounds of the Association, to visit the churches and assist the Pastors in reviving the Missionary cause in our bounds.

We recommend that the Executive Committee look after the Mission work in the Association, and that each church help to support a Missionary, and that he report to the committee quarterly.

F. LINDSEY, Chairman.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee reports that God in his providence has spared the lives of all our ministers, and we find that God saw fit to take from our midst three Deacons: Brethren T. J. Treadaway, J. R. Head and W. T. Barton. While we regret the death of our above-named Deacons, we are willing to submit to Him who doeth all things well.

J. H. THOMPSON, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

We your committee report: We find on investigation that the temperance cause in some parts of our Association is improving, but in other parts it is languishing. We believe that the habitual drinking of ardent spirits is a menace to our growth as a denomination and is a reproach on the cause of Christ.

We therefore urge our brethren to refrain from the use of whiskey, wine or other intoxicants as a beverage, and obey the Holy injunction "to be temperate in all things."

J. S. EDWARDS, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We your committee report: We find from the report of the churches through their letters that there is a large number of churches in our Associational boundary that are without any Sabbath schools. We profoundly regret this.

The Sabbath school interest is a fundamental one, vitally connected with the prosperity of the church.

We do earnestly urge the organization of Sabbath schools in all of our churches, and we recommend the use of our church literature in all our Sabbath schools. Let us be solid in this. In union there is strength.

J. V. HARDIN, Chairman.

INDIGENT MINISTERS.

We your committee report that we find in the bounds of our Association two indigent ministers, and our minister's widow, that are in indigent circumstances: Bro. T. J. Garner in Alabama, and Bro. W. A. Ellis and Sister Talliaferro in Georgia.

J. C. JACKSON, Chairman.

NOMINATIONS.

To preach introductory sermon at the next session: J. C. Jackson; alternate, J. S. Edwards.

T. J. LOVELESS, Chairman.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This committee has no official work to report. We recommended Rev. T. A. Higdon to the churches as evangelist in our bounds, and request the churches where he labors to aid him. He reports to us that he has labored 25 days, preached 35 sermons, baptized 27, received \$17.00. There was and is no contract.

T. J. LOVELESS, Chairman.

FINANCE.

Received for Missions	\$ 64.51
Received for Minutes.....	26.50
Received for indigent Ministers.....	18.26
Collection Sunday for Missions.....	10.09
Total.....	\$119.36
Paid J. G. Gibson.....	\$ 29.25
Paid T. A. Higdon, ...	17.00
Paid Treasurer.....	73.11
Total.....	\$119.36

T. J. LOVELESS, Chairman.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Received from Finance Committee, Oct., 1896.....	\$63.13
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CREDITS.

Oct., 1896 Paid J. G. Gibson	\$16.60
Paid W. C. Bledsoe.....	16.60
Paid T. J. Garner, Disabled Minister.....	2.45
Paid for Printing and Dist. Minutes.....	15.60
Paid Clerk's services.....	11.88
Total.....	\$63.13

V. M. THACKERSON, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we recommend Rev. T. J. Garner, an ordained minister of the Harmony Association, to the Association as in need of the aid of this Association, he being of advanced age, unable to labor, and having an invalid wife, both dependent upon him for a support, and having no means of support except by his own labor and being unable to labor. We ask the Association to take such steps as it may deem proper, to aid him and his family in their support. (Offered by Pine Grove Church.)

Resolved, That the churches of this association be more careful in liberating their members to preach, that they liberate none that is not sound in the faith as we as Baptists believe. (Offered by W. H. George.)

THANKS.

Be it resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to the Edwardsville church for their kindness to the Harmony Association, and to the citizens of Edwardsville for their generous hospitality. (Offered by E. A. Burton.)

Statistics of Harmony Baptist Association, 1897.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	ADDRESS.	Membership last Report.....	Baptized.....	Letter.....	Restored.....	Letter.....	Excluded.....	Dead.....	Present Member-ship.....
Al.....	Cleburne, Ala.	P. T. Prichard.....	E. E. Myers, Jr.	Al, Ala.	42	5	3	1	2	1	0	48
Beulah.....	Cleburne, Ala.	N. R. Williamson	D. G. Wilcoxson	Muscadine, Ala.	35	12	2	1	9	0	0	41
Bethsaida.....	Cleburne, Ala.	F. Lindsey	J. T. Newborn	Edwardsville, Ala.	40	3	5	0	2	0	0	45
Bethany.....	Haralson, Ga.	T. W. Griffith	R. H. Pittman	Tallapoosa, Ga.	86	0	5	0	9	0	0	78
Buchanan.....	Haralson, Ga.	F. Lindsey	G. D. Griffith	Buchanan, Ga.	125	15	0	10	2	1	1	128
Cherry Grove.....	Cleburne, Ala.	F. Lindsey	V. M. Thackerson	Tecumseh, Ala.	72	1	4	0	1	1	1	75
Camp Creek.....	Cleburne, Ala.	F. Lindsey	G. W. Roberts	Oak Level, Ala.	144	12	5	0	16	2	2	133
Concord.....	Cleburne, Ala.	T. A. Higdon	W. H. Gentry	Kemps Creek, Ala.	81	0	2	0	14	0	0	50
Edwardsville.....	Cleburne, Ala.	Prichard & Garner	H. D. Merrill	Edwardsville, Ala.	47	23	5	0	9	0	1	52
Harmony Grove.....	Cleburne, Ala.	H. J. Goswick	J. W. Beunett	Edwardsville, Ala.	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Harmony.....	Polk, Ga.	H. J. Goswick	W. V. Thackerson	Esom Hill, Ga.	0	2	12	0	1	1	1	23
Hopewell.....	Cleburne, Ala.	A. Willingham	C. M. Williamson	Hopewell, Ala.	98	13	14	0	3	0	2	120
Mt. Zion.....	Haralson, Ga.	S. L. Cross	E. P. Bowling	Houper, Ga.	0	8	3	1	2	0	1	79
Pine Grove.....	Cleburne, Ala.	T. A. Higdon	E. E. Myers	Bells Mill, Ala.	113	8	7	0	4	0	2	110
Pine Bower.....	Polk, Ga.	E. N. Maddox	W. T. Thompson	Berry's, Ga.	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	25
Pilgrim's Rest.....	Cleburne, Ala.	N. R. Williamson	J. Stephenson	Edwardsville, Ala.	33	7	3	0	1	0	0	40
Poplar Springs.....	Haralson, Ga.	M. V. Mize	W. Newman	Poplar Sprigs, Ga.	130	0	0	0	5	0	0	125
Pleasant Hill.....	Haralson, Ga.	A. Willingham	E. J. Little	Newsville, Ga.	39	1	2	0	3	0	0	39
Providence.....	Haralson, Ga.	A. Willingham	J. W. Stripling	Tallapoosa, Ga.	127	1	2	0	6	0	2	125
Salen.....	Cherokee, Ala.	A. Pope	P. J. Garner	Tecumseh, Ala.	53	3	3	0	6	2	0	52
Shiloh.....	Polk, Ga.	F. Lindsey	J. T. Garner	Esom Hill, Ga.	148	18	2	0	18	0	4	150
Shoal Creek.....	Cleburne, Ala.	R. M. Cheatwood	F. E. Hubbard	Shoal Creek, Ala.	84	4	7	0	1	2	0	96
Tallapoosa 1st.....	Haralson, Ga.	E. A. Burton	C. Shipman	Tallapoosa, Ga.	129	1	4	0	13	2	0	144
Fruithurst.....	Cleburne, Ala.	W. J. Cambell	P. R. D. Williams'n	Fruithurst, Ala.	32	0	2	0	1	0	0	32
Total.....					1693	137	98	3	125	13	17	1844

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Statistics of Harmony Baptist Association, 1897.

CHURCHES.	Sunday School	Pupils.....	Sunday School.	Preaching Sabs..	For Missions.....	For Minutes	Value of Church Property
			Superintendent's Name and P. O. Address.				
Al.....			★.....	3	0	1.00	\$ 100.
Bedlah.....	1		✕ M. Kilgore, Newsville, Ga.	1	0	.75	150.
Bethsaida.....			✕.....	2	.50	.75	200.
Bethany.....				1	1.16	1.60	
Buchanan.....					35.25	2.00	
Cherry Grove.....			✕.....	2		1.00	150.
Camp Creek.....			✕.....	4		1.50	
Concord.....			✕.....	2	1.40	.90	300.
Edwardsville.....	1		✕ A. Hurt, Edwardsville, Ala.	3	4.00	1.07	1000.
Harmony Grove.....			✕.....	2		.75	300.
Harmony.....	1	69	R. B. Brewster, Esom Hill, Ga.	1		.50	50.
Hopewell.....			✕.....	3	.51	1.50	
Mt. Zion.....				3		.88	
Pine Grove.....			✕.....	1	3.50	1.50	400.
Pine Bower.....				1		.70	
Pilgrim's Rest.....			✕.....			.50	
Poplar Springs.....	1			3		2.00	
Pleasant Hill.....				2	.50	.75	50.
Providence.....				4	13.56	1.50	
Salem.....			✕.....	4		1.00	400.
Shiloh.....				3	3.36	1.50	1000.
Shoal Creek.....			✕.....	4		1.00	
Tallapoosa 1st.....	1	125	J. N. Patrick, Tallapoosa, Ga.		5.58	1.10	2000.
Fruithurst.....			✕.....	4	.25	.75	500.
Total.....	5	194			69.57	26.50	\$6550.

Ordained Ministers.

Alden, O. A.	Borden Springs, Ala.
Burrow, J. J.	Piedmont, Ala.
Burton, E. A.	Tallapoosa, Ga.
Cheatwood, B. A.	Edwardsville, Ala.
Cheatwood, R. M.	Jenkins, Ala.
Edwards, J. S.	Buchanan, Ga.
Ellis, W. A.	Tallapoosa, Ga.
Garner, T. J.	Al, Ala.
Garner, J. C.	Bell's Mill, Ala.
Griffith, T. W.	Buchanan, Ga.
Higdon, T. A.	Tallapoosa, Ga.
Newborn, J. W.	Edwardsville, Ala.
Pritchard, P. T.	Edwardsville, Ala.
Lindsey, F.	Tallapoosa, Ga.
Jackson, J. C.	Tallapoosa, Ga.
Willingham, A.	Tallapoosa, Ga.
Walker, J. D.	Bell's Mill, Ala.
Williamson, N. R.	Fruithurst, Ala.

LICENTIATES.

Bentley, R.	Fruithurst, Ala.
Eason, E.	Muscadine, Ala.
Hart, J.	Newsville, Ga.
Banister, J.	Edwardsville, Ala.
Hubbard, F. E.	Shoal Creek, Ala.
Stripling, J. W.	Tallapoosa, Ga.
Kilgore, J. M.	Newsville, Ga.
Thompson, J. A.	Fruithurst, Ala.
Walker, J. W.	Edwardsville, Ala.



BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Temporary organization.
3. Read Letters from Churches and Enroll Delegates.
4. Call Roll.
5. Elect by ballot Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
6. Call for Petitionary Letters.
7. Call for Correspondence.
8. Appoint Correspondents.
9. Invite all Ministers of our order to seats.
10. Invite visiting Brethren from Sister Associations.
11. Appoint Committees:—
 1. On Preaching.
 2. On Sabbath Schools.
 3. On State Missions.
 4. On Home Missions.
 5. On Foreign Missions.
 6. Finance.
 7. On Nominations.
 8. On Destitution.
 9. On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
12. Fix business hours.
13. Appoint Executive Committee.
14. Call for and hear Reports of Committees.
15. Miscellaneous Business.
16. Appoint District Meetings.
17. Appoint time and place of next session of this body.
18. Appoint delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions.
19. Hear report of Treasurer.
20. Call roll and mark absentees.
21. Arrange for printing and distributing minutes.
22. Read and approve minutes.
23. Adjourn.



ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I. We believe in one only True and Living God, the Father, Word and Holy Ghost, and these three are one. Deut. vi, 4; 1st John v. 7; 2nd Cor. xiii, 14; Matt. xxiii, 19.

II. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God given to us by inspiration of God (2d Tim. iii, 16,) and the New Testament is the only book of discipline to govern the Church of God; and that Jesus Christ is the head and only lawgiver. Heb. ix, 14-17; Eph. i, 22; Matt. xvii, 5.

III. We believe in the doctrine of election, according to the fore knowledge of God the Father through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. 1st Peter i, 2-5; 2d Thess. ii, 13.

IV. We believe that all men are sinners by nature, children of wrath, even dead in trespasses and sin (Eph. ii, 13; Rom. v, 12), and unable to recover themselves from the fallen state they are in by their own ability. Rom. v, 6; John vi, 44; Phil. ii, 13.

V. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by God's grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Eph. ii, 8; 1st John i, 5; Rev. i, 5; Rom. v, 1.

VI. We believe in the preservation and final salvation of all God's children. 1st Peter i, 5; John vi, 38, 40, and x, 28, 29; 1st John iii, 2; Col. iii, 3, 4.

VII. We believe that Baptism is an ordinance from God, enjoined upon true believers in Jesus Christ only, commanded by Christ to be kept by His Church; and that immersion only is Scriptural Baptism. John i, 6, 33; Matt. xxviii, 19; 1st Cor. xi, 2; Rom. vi, 4, 5; Col. ii, 12.

VIII. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ as an ordinance to be observed by His Church till He comes, and that no person has a right to participate in this ordinance only those who have been Scripturally Baptized, and sustained an accredited membership in the church. Matt. xxvi, 26, 27, et seq.; Mark xvi, 22 et seq.; Acts. ii, 42; 1st Cor. v, 11 et seq.

IX. We believe that the visible Church of God is composed of Baptized believers covenanted together and to keep the Commandments and ordinances of the Lord as He delivered them to us, acknowledging no head nor law-giver but Christ. Acts ii, 41, 42 and 47, and v, 14, and xviii, 8; 2d Cor. viii, 5; Eph. i, 22, 23; Col. i, 18.

X. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the righteous will enter into eternal life and the wicked will enter into everlasting punishment. Matt. xxv, 46; Acts xxi, 15, and xvii, 31; Rev. xx, 12 et seq.; 1st Cor. xv, 21 et seq.

XI. We believe that no person has a right to administer the ordinances of the Church, only those who are chosen by the Church and Scripturally set apart to that office. Acts vi, 5; xiii, 2, 3.

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